

Senate Resolution 803

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Emanuel County Institute Bulldogs for their 2007 Class A Georgia High
2 School Association State Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for the Emanuel County Institute Bulldogs, 2007 was a dream season that will
4 forever live on in ECI lore; and

5 WHEREAS, a week after defeating Clinch County in the Georgia Dome in workmanlike
6 fashion, the Bulldogs traveled to Cordele to play the Wilcox County Patriots for the Class A
7 Georgia High School Association State Championship; and

8 WHEREAS, before a crowd of nearly 10,000 fans, the Bulldogs continued their season-long
9 pattern of dominance by besting the Patriots 41-21; and

10 WHEREAS, Emanuel County's victory over Wilcox County secured them their first state
11 championship and capped off a perfect season of 15-0; and

12 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs' success in 2007 began with Head Coach Milan Turner and his
13 staff, Chad Simmons, Chirs Kearson, Bill Bonds, Ron Flott, Dewayne Tabor, Chad Harper,
14 Brooks Collins, Artie Fields, and Sean Patrick; and

15 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs seniors, LaCollie Gordon, Dontae Richards, Wes Wammock, Pat
16 Branch, Valentay Williams, Nikk Cross, Sanquez Lee, Anson Walden, Vinson Andrews, and
17 Chad Turner, were team leaders both on and off the field and instrumental to Emanuel
18 County's perfect season; and

19 WHEREAS, the rest of the Bulldogs team were made up of juniors Arkeem Tarver, Washaun
20 Ealey, Dexter Moody, Remond Sanford, Mark Flott, J.C. Lanier, and Cody Todd;
21 sophomores Chris Shepherd, Brooks Kirkland, Michael Robertson, Will Hinson, Chris
22 Branch, Corey Ellison, Robert Newkirt, Chris Gordon, Clifford Milton, Dakota Edenfield,

1 Jeremy Reid, Nathan Turner, and Logan Oglesby; and freshmen Chris Lovett, Randall
2 Carlyle, Brandon Hughes, Devon McCullough, Tyrone Johnson, Matt McReynolds, Wesley
3 Jordan, Dylan Turner, Tyler Bates, Chad Howell, Cody Burnett, Justin Moxley, Richard
4 Sapp, Ben Brown, Matthew Bates, and Jerry Stokes; and

5 WHEREAS, while the 2007 season was a product of a complete team effort, the seasons of
6 two juniors, Washaun Ealey, who rushed for 2,982 yards and 58 touchdowns (breaking the
7 state record for rushing touchdowns) and was named the *Atlanta Journal Constitution's* All
8 Class High School Football Player of the Year, and Dexter Moody, 79 tackles, ten sacks, and
9 eight touchdowns receiving and punt returning, should be recognized for their contribution
10 to the Bulldogs' success; and

11 WHEREAS, Ealey and Moody recently capped off a their special season by verbally
12 committing to University of Georgia's 2009 recruiting class, where they will continue to be
13 Bulldogs and carry on the hallowed tradition of great running backs and defensive players
14 to play between the hedges.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 congratulate the Emanuel County Institute Bulldogs for capping off their historic 2007, 15-0
17 season with their first Georgia High School Association Class A State Championship.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Emanuel County Institute.